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INDIA.

Reports from Calcutta—Transactions of Service—Cholera, plague, and smallpox—Plague in India and Bengal.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Eakins reports, October 31:

Week ended October 26. Bill of health issued to the steamship *Rotterdam*, bound for Boston and New York with a total crew of 37. The usual precautions were taken, holds fumigated, rat guards placed on wharf lines and lascars' effects disinfected.

During the week ended October 12, there were in Calcutta 39 deaths from cholera, 6 deaths from plague, and 2 deaths from smallpox; and during the week ended October 19, 62 deaths from cholera, 8 deaths from plague, and 1 death from smallpox.

In Bengal during the week ended October 12, there were 92 cases and 66 deaths from plague, and during the week ended October 19, there were 46 cases and 43 deaths.

In all India there were during the week ended October 12, 13,349 cases and 9,277 deaths from plague; and during the week ended October 19, 12,987 cases of this disease, with 9,338 deaths.

Plague in Burma.

The following is received from Consul-General Michael, under date of October 31:

The general death rate of the week was 30.5 per mille per annum, against 26.9, the mean of the last five years.

There was a further decrease of plague during the month of September, the figures showing 381 cases and 361 deaths, as compared with 551 cases and 499 deaths in August, and 721 cases and 622 deaths in July. The decrease was most marked in the Pegu, Bassein, Henzada, and Amherst districts. In Rangoon town there were 110 deaths in the month, as compared with 128 in August. Twenty cases and 18 deaths were reported in September from the northern Shan States, which had previously been free from plague. No noticeable increase occurred elsewhere in the province. Plague occurred during the month in four districts in upper Burma and, exclusive of Rangoon, in twelve districts in lower Burma.